

Project Proposal

Proposal Title: NER Warehouse / Shop

Proposal Number: 603

DWR Region: Northeastern Region

Lead Agency: DWR

County: Uintah

Project Manager: Steve Brayton

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Regional Priority: High

Project Type: Miscellaneous

Proposed Start Date: 09/01/2006

Project Location: Vernal Game Farm WMA, Vernal

Project Description: Construct a warehouse and maintenance shop as a base for the NER Habitat Restoration and Maintenance program

Description of Problem/Need: The NER shop/warehouse currently consists of a 20x24 garage with a 10x7 access door. All woodworking, metal fabrication and maintenance tools and equipment are stored in the shop, and there is not room nor clearance for restoration and land maintenance equipment within the shop. Additionally, Virtus Keddy, maintenance tech, maintains his office in the building and herbicides are stored in a vault beneath the building. The NER Habitat staff possesses the ability to maintain, modify, repair and fabricate much of the specialized equipment necessary for the developing initiative.

Current facilities are not available for the proper temporary storage of seed. Our seed is stored in the major building at the Game Farm and is used by all sections. Seed storage is an imposition for other uses, and precludes many of these uses. Additionally, the seed is not protected from rodents and is usually damaged before being moved to the project sites.

Our summer WMA maintenance program employs 7-9 employees full time and 7-9 employees as part of their duties. The very active program utilizes much equipment and requires significant "shop" efforts. All work is currently conducted outside. During fall restoration season, all employees are fully utilized in project implementation. The lack of facilities severely hampers efficiency and reduces effectiveness. Safety issues arise as a result of improper facilities/equipment to accomplish the tasks. Much of the repair, maintenance and fabrication could occur in winter when employee time is most available, but no facility exists for these projects.

Equipment is continually being added to the WMA maintenance and habitat restoration "toolbox", and inadequate facilities exist to secure and protect it. The proposed building would have pallet racks along the back wall for seed storage, and would house Habitat equipment when not used for seed.

Objectives:

Relevance to Strategic Plans: This facility will increase safety, efficiency and effectiveness in implementation of the Watershed / Habitat Initiative.

Potential Risks: None

Proposed Methods: Contract construction of a 40x80 steel building on a concrete slab or stem walls. Frame and isolate an internal shop bay for routine winter heating.

Shapefile Name: NA

Seed Source:

UPCD Reg Team Coord Date:

Proposed NEPA Action:

Proposed Arch Action: Map submitted for "previously plowed" year end exemption. 2-14-07 kad

☐ **Vegetation Monitoring** ☐ **Wildlife Monitoring**

Monitoring Information:

Grazing Management:

SPECIES BENEFITING

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LAND OWNERSHIP

Owner	Acres
DWR	1
Total	1

PROPOSED FUNDING

Source	Amount Requested	Date Approved	Amount Approved
DNR Watershed (FY07)	\$120,000.00	03/07/2007	\$120,000.00
DNR Watershed (FY09)	\$60,000.00		\$60,000.00
Totals	\$180,000.00		\$180,000.00

PROPOSED BUDGET

Item	Description	DWR Account	In Kind/ Partner Contrib.
Contractual Services	Construction	\$120,000.00	\$0.00
Contractual Services	additional construction costs	\$60,000.00	\$0.00
	Totals	\$180,000.00	\$0.00